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## REDUCED FARES ON CLIFTON - HACHITA BRANCH SOON

That the El Paso & Southwestern R. R. Co., will soon put into effect a reduction in passenger fare on the Clifton-Hachita branch of that system, to conform with the present passenger rate per mile on their main line, was made known this week. The new rate, which will become effective as soon as the tariff can be filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission, reduces the present rate per mile from 6 cents to 4.8 cents per mile. This is a voluntary reduction on the Clifton-Hachita branch and as soon as the tariff is effective the fare from Clifton to Lordsburg will be \$3.36 instead of the present fare of \$4.20 and to Hachita the new fare will be \$5.19 as against \$6.54. Close connection is made at Hachita for all eastern and western points.

The new schedule on the Clifton-Hachita branch went into effect Sunday last.

In order that no one be disappointed, and that every one be informed regarding the dispatch of mail from the Clifton Post Office, the following is given for guidance of the public:

On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday the mail will be closed promptly at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday at 8:10 A. M.

You may mail letters in the letter drop up to this time with the assurance that they will be dispatched.

Letters are cancelled, then distributed in a distributing case and when dispatched are tied out, to cities, States and R. P. O. lines. The operation of properly dispatching or tying out the mail requires about 30 minutes and the local Post Office is required by the Postal Laws and regulations to have the mail ready 30 minutes before the departure of the train.

When a patron comes in at the last minute and wishes a letter sent, the city or state to which it would have been dispatched is no doubt already tied out, and consequently this letter is thrown in the pouch loose, and being loose in the pouch, is subjected to worse treatment as the other packages tend to crush or tear, and in some instances might so crumple as to cause a Postmaster or R. P. O. Clerk to mistake for waste paper. Then again, if a letter be loose in the pouch it might not always fall out, when the pouch is dumped, and would be discovered by some other clerk perhaps long after the station for which it was intended had been passed, thus delaying your letter.

Mail early before departure of train should be the slogan.

### GREENLEE COUNTY FIELD DAYS

Professor S. P. Clark, Extension Agronomist from the University of Arizona, has just notified the County Agricultural Agent that he will be in Greenlee County on February 23rd, 24th, and 25th, for the purpose of making an agricultural survey of the county. While Prof. Clark is here three field day programs are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, February 23, 9:30 A. M. A meeting on the farm of B. A. Wilson for a discussion of Field Crops, (Plowing, Planting and Irrigating).

2:30 P. M.—Truck Growers' Meeting at County Agent's Office. All who are interested in Truck Growing are urged to attend.

Friday, February 24, 10:00 A. M.—All farmers will meet at Sam R. Tilley's for a discussion of field and truck crops.

2:30 P. M.—A meeting at Geo. A. Lant's Dairy for a discussion on SILAGE and SILAGE.

7:30 P. M.—Illustrated lecture at Franklin Amusement Hall on "The Silo and Hopi Indian Agriculture".

Saturday, February 25.—Virden Field Day, with an illustrated lecture at night. Program will be arranged by the President of the Virden Farm Bureau Local.

The illustrated lecture is free, the Truck Growers' meeting will be of vital interest, and no one can afford to miss the field program. Be sure and come, and bring your neighbor with you. For further information see Walter F. Gilpin, County Agricultural Agent.

Phoenix—Total value of exports from state for January \$654,913.

## Grist Gathered at the Court House

The petition of Sacramento M. de Luna praying for a decree of divorce from her husband, Andres Luna, was this week filed in the Superior Court by her attorney C. Hooker. The plaintiff alleges in her complaint that she and defendant intermarried at Clifton, on or about the 16th day of October, 1916. That for more than one year immediately last past the defendant has wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned her and has failed to provide the common necessities of life for the support of herself and her minor daughter, Esther, the custody of which the plaintiff prays for.

J. C. Barlett and J. A. Hagan have filed an action against Dell M. Porter, and Morenci Inspiration Copper Mining Company, a corporation, this week to quiet the title to thirty-three mining claims located in the Copper Mountain Mining District near Morenci, the defendant Porter claiming an interest in and to said mining claims adverse to the plaintiffs.

Last Monday being law and motion day in the Superior Court, the demurrers in the following cases were argued to the court and overruled: Henry Carr, vs. Oscar Rainville, et. ux., Tomas Gutierrez vs. The Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., Rafael Esparza, vs. The Arizona Copper Company Ltd. A jury trial was demanded by attorney Ling in the case F. E. Williams, vs. George Webster, Admr.

The demurrer in the case of The State, of Arizona, vs. Clifton Dairy, a suit for delinquent taxes, was sustained by the court and the plaintiff granted leave of ten days to amend the complaint. This case was later dismissed for the reason that the taxes due herein were paid, together with costs incurred.

The case of the State of Arizona, vs. G. W. Collins, an action for violating the state prohibition law, was dismissed on motion of the County Attorney for the reason that the defendant is now deceased.

A demand for a jury trial in the case of John S. Thompson, vs. R. R. Miller was made by the attorneys for the defendant herein and granted by the court.

C. A. Spezia, G. L. Cashion and W. C. Adams have this week filed their bonds with the Clerk of the Superior Court and qualified as Notaries Public.

The Clerk of the Superior Court has been advised by the Naturalization Examiner of Los Angeles, that the regular day for hearing petitions for naturalization has been continued from March 6th to March 13th, 1922.

### RECORDED INSTRUMENTS

#### Chattel Mortgages—

Edward Lunt, to Lettie Stowell Lunt.

Claude B. Machreth, to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.

V. P. Hastings, Jr. to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.

Gregorio Gutierrez, to The State Bank of Morenci.

Bon Wah Company, et. al., to State Bank of Morenci.

#### Satisfaction of Mortgages—

Arizona Copper Company to J. J. Pilleman.

Emma C. Little, to R. L. Herrell, et. ux.

The Bank of Duncan to W. D. Tucker.

George Webster Administrator to H. M. Merrill, et. ux.

Mrs. S. F. Herrell, to Amy Merrill, et. al.

State Bank of Morenci to Gregorio Gutierrez.

First National Bank of Douglas to Emelio Girard, et. ux.

#### Decree of Distribution—

Estate of George H. Lormeyer, to Julie H. Pitt.

#### Notice of Land Claim—

By Allen V. Marsh.

#### Lis Pendens—

J. C. Bartlett and J. A. Hagan, vs. Dell M. Porter and Morenci Inspiration Copper Company, a corporation.

#### Warranty Deeds—

G. E. Head, et. ux. to E. V. Romney.

Virgil E. Butcher, et. ux. to Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Maggie R. Smith to William Arthur Smith.

#### Affidavits of Identity—

R. R. Webster, and Reece R. Webster.

## PRESENT FORCE IS TO BE CONTINUED DURING SUMMER

Owing to the continued unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of the world copper market, as well as the surplus remaining on hand at the present, estimated at seven months' supply, and the beginning this month of production in some of the lower cost camps, there is no immediate prospect of an increased force being employed in the Clifton-Morenci district, and the date of a resumption of production remains indefinite.

Commenting on the situation this week Capt. J. P. Hodgson, manager of the Phelps Dodge Morenci Branch said:

"The work being carried on at present in this district by the Phelps Dodge Corporation will be continued with practically the same force as at present employed. The work being done at the Coronado will go ahead to completion which will take approximately six months. In the meantime the concentrator will operate at its present capacity during this period."

What the program would be in the district this fall Capt. Hodgson was unable to state at this time.

"The copper situation remains far from satisfactory," said the Morenci Branch Manager. "Some of the lower cost districts have resumed on a small scale and until the situation clears we will have to await our turn."

While the unfavorable turn at present in the copper market will have a tendency to delay resumption of production in this district and because for a further exodus of some old employees who have been delaying their departure for other parts in the hope that the resumption of activity would be at an early date, the fact still remains, that the big plans for this district are only being held in abeyance until the way can be seen a bit more clearly, and with their ultimate consummation we shall see the largest copper producing district in the United States.

## TAXPAYERS TO MEET IN CLIFTON FEB. 27

Harlow Brubaker, secretary of the Greenlee County Taxpayers' Association, is sending out notices this week to the taxpayers of the county calling a meeting of the Greenlee County Taxpayers' Association to be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Clifton, on Monday, February 27th at 7:30 P. M. This is the annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year and a full attendance of all members, as well as all interested taxpayers, is requested.

The letter of invitation addressed to members and taxpayers reads as follows:

Are you a taxpayer? If so, are you interested in a reduction of your taxes?

The question of taxes is of vital importance to the small taxpayer and is becoming more so each year.

Are you willing to devote an evening to discussion of Greenlee County's tax problems?

Whether a member or not, be present at the annual meeting of the Greenlee County Taxpayer's Association and be prepared to state your views. At the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Clifton, on Monday Feb. 27th at 7:30 P. M.

If you are in accord with the object of this association but find it impossible to attend, may we not have an expression of your views by mail?

### THE GREENLEE COUNTY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

#### WELCOME VISITOR—

E. B. Travis, former secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Clifton, also former secretary of the Clifton Commercial Club, but now engaged in "Y" work at Douglas, was shaking hands with numerous friends the first part of the week, being here for a short visit.

Mrs. Amy Merrill.

R. L. Herrell, and Robert L. Herrell.

#### Assignment of Mortgage—

Waide Harris, to E. C. De Moss.

## NURSE CHARGED WITH MURDER. ON TRIAL AT GLOBE

Globe, Ariz., Feb. 16.—Miss Alma Smith was placed on trial in the superior court here today on a charge of having murdered H. L. Christensen, an automobile dealer. A jury was completed and introduction of testimony started this afternoon.

The woman, formerly a nurse in San Antonio, Texas, is said to have shot Christensen three times and then turned a pistol on herself in an attempt to suicide in a room of a local hotel last December 16, after (she alleged) he had repudiated a marriage ceremony between them last fall in El Paso, Texas. She recovered from a bullet wound in her chest. Christensen told her, she said, that he was not her husband because he had married and was not divorced from a Frances Rooney. It developed later, however, that he had been divorced by the first wife, who now is living in El Paso with her two children.

Mrs. Lucy Bellinger, proprietor of the hotel in which the slaying took place, was the first witness and testified to hearing shots and finding Christensen dying and Miss Smith wounded. The latter, said the witness, was embracing Christensen and crying that she had killed him and herself because she could not live without him.

## J. H. SLAUGHTER DIES AT DOUGLAS

Hon. John H. Slaughter died at his home in the Fisher apartments on Twelfth street, Douglas, Ariz., Thursday morning at 5 o'clock following an acute attack of high blood pressure which came upon him at 10 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Slaughter had been in feeble health for more than a year and has been in an uncertain state since the murder of his foreman, Jess Fisher, nearly a year ago.

During the past six months, Mr. Slaughter, accompanied by Mrs. Slaughter, made two trips to Indian Hot Springs, in Graham county, where he made noticeable gains. He had planned to return to the springs during the past month, but gave up the trip on account of lack of modern facilities there for his proper care.

He was 80 years old. Besides the widow, he leaves one child by his first wife, Mrs. Dr. M. A. Greene of Douglas. A son, W. J. Slaughter died in this city in 1911, after a long period of ill health.

As a type of the true westerner, John Slaughter was perhaps the most outstanding of any of the pioneers of Arizona, one who had battled both with outlaws and Indians in the redemption of Arizona from the dangers of the hostile Apache and for protection of the early settlers from out-lawry and depredation.

The old pioneer was an escort with the late General Lawton in Mexico when Geronimo, the Apache Chief, was rounded up and compelled to surrender, and was sheriff of Cochise county for three successive terms in the early days.

The deceased was a cousin of Arthur Slaughter of Clifton.

### WOMEN!!! ARE YOU ELIGIBLE??!

The local Post of the American Legion is organizing a Unit of the Auxiliary in Clifton and we want every woman who is eligible to membership to become an active member. Organization meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon February 23rd at two o'clock at the Legion's Club Rooms in the Brutinel Building.

Membership in the Auxiliary is limited to mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, by birth or law, of the members of American Legion and to mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in military or naval service of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, and died in the line of duty, or after honorable discharge and prior to Nov. 11, 1920.

The Harold E. Wilson Post No. 21 of the American Legion invites all who are eligible to attend this meeting Thursday and join the Ladies Auxiliary of The Harold E. Wilson Post No. 21.

## Governor Sets Forth Purpose of Extra Session of Ariz. Legislature Which Opened On Wednesday

Practically all members of the Legislature were in Phoenix on Wednesday afternoon in readiness for the special session which has been called by the Governor to relieve the emergency which exists in state affairs.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the reading of the Governor's message and Thursday was devoted principally to the re-arrangement of the several committees and the appointment of required attaches.

The governor's recommendations included raising money to meet current expenses of the state department and institutions, a new banking system, a new financial code, more binding inheritance tax, legislation for the protection of state highways and consideration of irrigation and drainage problems and proposals.

The governor said the primary purposes of this session are to provide funds for the University of Arizona and to revise appropriations to conform to the present economic conditions.

"Something must be done to obtain funds for the university or it will be obliged to close its doors," he said.

Declaring Arizona's finances, considered from a broad viewpoint, are sound to the core. "This is no time for gloomy forebodings. If we deal with the situation in the same manner of confidence reposed in us, we will have done much to restore the morale of the people and to stabilize economic conditions," he added.

### Conference of Senators

Tuesday there was a conference of the state senators in Phoenix when it was agreed that practically all the old attaches, who report for duty will be retained for the special session. A number who served the senate last spring are known to be away from the state and their places will be filled.

### Capital Gossip

Tom Sparks, new United States marshal of Arizona, is expected to assume his duties, relieving Joe Dillon within the next few days. He is receiving the congratulations of many friends, included among the legislative members. As soon as he takes the position he will name his deputies throughout the state and it is understood that these have been decided on.

Ex-Governor Geo. W. P. Hunt who stopped in Washington on his way home from Siam, where he served his country as minister, is expected to reach Phoenix during the present week and the Phoenix chamber of commerce has arranged to tender him a banquet just as soon as he makes it known when it will be convenient for him to attend.

Of course it is expected that there will be much political sparring during the early days of the special session, not necessarily in connection with legislative action but because of the arriving time when it may be expected that those who are planning to run for office this year will be setting their stakes and trimming their sails for the primaries which will be held in September next.

Superior Judge R. C. Stanford, of Phoenix, is regarded as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor and Judge Ward, also of Phoenix is frequently mentioned. Col. Greenway, of Cochise, is also included in all speculation as to who will be the next democratic candidate for governor.

### Heard Is Boomed

Col. Dwight B. Heard seems to be the most talked of among republicans as their candidate for governor. Tom Maddock is not lost sight of as it is recognized that his road machine covers the entire state and that he could shut out any republican opponent in the primaries.

The talk about Hon. Paul Geary running for congress, is purely republican propaganda, as it is known that Carl Hayden will be the only democratic candidate for congress. There is considerable talk of Geary as the democratic candidate for attorney general. He has a large acquaintance in the state, is capable and universally popular.

Attaches of the senate were named for the special session of the legislature, which opened Wednesday.

There were but a few changes in the personnel of the force. The statutory employees were chosen by the committee on printing and clerks, including F. O. Goodell of Pima county, F. A. Woodward of Gila county.

Roy Davidson, who served as secretary to the senate during the regular session, will act in the same capacity at the special session. His assistant will be John Ryan of Phoenix. Others named include:

Rev. Bernard R. Cooke, Phoenix, chaplain.

R. C. Brown, Tucson, sergeant at arms.

Mrs. R. C. Haskett, Flagstaff, journal clerk.

Grace I. Gibson, Ajo, enrolling and engrossing clerk.

Kathleen Barron, Phoenix, bill clerk.

Mrs. W. J. F. Jones, Prescott, page.

Frank Smith, Phoenix, doorkeeper.

Perry Payne, Phoenix, janitor.

It is expected stenographers and mailing clerks will be appointed later in the week. The committee, it is understood, will favor those really in need of employment.

### Text of Governor's Message

Governor Thos. E. Campbell, appeared before the joint session of both houses on Wednesday at 1 p. m. and was accorded a cordial greeting. The reading of the message to the members required approximately one hour and in type makes ten columns of reading matter. A gist of the message is as follows:

The governor devotes considerable space in an effort to show that present distressful conditions in the state are not attributable to any failure of his administration of state affairs. Perhaps the governor should not be charged with all the misfortune which has come on the people of the state during the time he has been occupying the executive chair, but in our opinion he and the appointees for whom he should stand sponsor, should assume the blame for the jumbo appropriation made by the regular session, exceeding any previous one in the state by more than one and half million dollars. However, we congratulate the governor on the fact that he now appreciates the necessity for retrenchment and economy, though he has been slow in reaching that state of mind.

The governor points out that the reason for the lack of funds to provide for the operation of the state university is the fact that under the law providing for a mill tax for its support it could not share in the relief provided for by the tax-anticipation bonds authorized by the regular session. He says the university now has a cash balance in the treasury amounting to \$20,000 to meet a monthly expense account of \$65,000 for the next three months with no more coming in on account of taxes during that period. He tells the legislature that immediate relief must be provided for this condition if the university is to continue to function. In connection with this and other necessities the governor urges that legislation be provided which will allow the use, under proper safeguard of money now in other funds which are inactive.

The governor defends his administration by saying the great bulk of the money spent has been at the behest of the people of the state to meet the demands of the progress of the state, the building of roads and the enlargement of the educational work in the state. He compares Arizona of 1915 with the Arizona of 1921 and tells of the increased revenues required to meet the growth of our institutions.

He points out that the great bulk of taxes which have been levied in Arizona has been for building roads and for education and then declares our roads and schools are assets of which we should be proud.

The governor in speaking of his proposed new method of concentration of government in Arizona, merely recites the fact of the defeat of his proposed measure by the regular session last spring. He does not strenuously urge its re-consideration now.

It is pointed out to the legislature (Continued on Page Three)